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The Japanese forces have effected a landing in Saghalin without serious opposition. This is the first invasion of Russian territory, technically speaking. Some time will very likely elapse before the whole Island is occupied by the Japanese troops; though it is not probable that any very strong defence can be made by the Russian garrison. The importance of the Island lies chiefly in its strategic position, commanding as it does the northern entrance to the Japan Sea. At the same time, the fact that the Island once belonged to Japan gives it a large sentimental value in the eyes of the Japanese, which might rightly have great influence with the Government apart from other considerations. The marine products, edible fish, sea weed, and fish guano, figure in Japanese commerce, and under

a Japanese regime would doubtless gain increasing importance. As regards the mineral wealth of the Island the reports are conflicting. There are coal deposits covering apparently a fairly wide territory, but so far the quality has proved unsatisfactory. Possibly further explorations and deeper mining may result in the discovery of better varieties.

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President Roosevelt's appeal to the two warring nations in behalf of peace has made a most happy impression upon the Japanese people, and the papers of all grades are full of commendatory references. This must not be understood to mean, however, that the nation has in any degree weakened in its purpose to prosecute the war until what are regarded as Japan's reasonable demands are fully met. Taxes are high, it is true, but at the same time business is good and money is found for needed expenses without serious difficulty. Naturally those upon whom the financial responsibility falls, the higher officials of the Government and the large capitalists, understand very well that the greatest difficulties are liable to come after the artificial stimulus to industry and trade due to the war is removed while the heavy interest charges on the war loans necessitate the continuance of heavy taxation; but the less intelligent, or at least those less versed in finance, do not bear this in mind, or if they do, they quiet their anxieties by the hope of a heavy indemnity from Russia.

Most of the churches of our own and other orders are raising more money than usual. The Banchō Church, Tōkyō, for example, has increased the salary of its pastor, the Rev. K. Tsunashima to *yen* 100. Its total monthly receipts are understood to be about *yen* 150., an increase of nearly fifty per cent. At Reinanzaka Church, Tōkyō, as we recently noticed, has raised recently *yen* 2,400 for the repair of its church building and the erection of a parsonage and parish house, and whatever other funds are necessary for carrying out its plans will undoubtedly be forthcoming.

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For the purpose of aiding the families of soldiers, according to a careful estimate by officials of the Home Office, about *yen* 10,000,000. have been already expended by the various societies, local and national. The Central Government has appropriated about *yen* 1,800,000. for the same object, quite apart, it is understood, from the pension system; but owing to the efficiency of the local work, few appropriations from this fund have been made, indeed, it is substantially intact.

The *Gunjin Engo Kwai*, the national relief society to which H. M. the Emperor has entrusted the administration of the Perry Memorial Fund of *yen* 103,000., has now on hand nearly *yen* 1,300,000. The Perry Memorial Fund, it will be remembered, was raised to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of Commodore Perry's visit to Japan. The contributors were both Japanese and foreigners, the latter for the most being residents in Japan or intimately connected with the country.

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The amount of actual suffering, though relatively small, is still large enough to make heavy drafts upon the sympathies of those brought in contact with it. How to relieve this distress is a difficult problem, with regard to which opinions widely differ. After

listening to much discussion, the writer strongly favors the establishment of day nurseries under suitable management. Such nurseries would open the way for the mothers to engage in profitable labor. There is reason to believe that, if carefully planned and in the hands of trustworthy persons, the Government would gladly assist in meeting the initial expenses by substantial grants. If small fees were charged, the current expenses could be reduced to a manageable sum, while their success would soon create a public sentiment which would lead to the rapid multiplication of such institutions.

There is reason to believe that direct and continuous aid in the form of money, while no doubt sometimes necessary, has done great harm to many. If those cases of distress due to inability to work because of the care of young children could be eliminated, the problem of discrimination would be greatly simplified and the wants of all more fully meet.

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The Japanese conception of the family has tended to reduce the number of cases of distress which appeal to the charity of the public; for public sentiment places the responsibility very directly, upon the head of the family, in the Oriental sense of the term. He takes it as a matter of course, but he could not escape it if he would. Even in such cases public relief is given in certain ways. For example, the funeral expenses of a deceased soldier are quite often, some would say generally, borne by the village, town, or ward of the city to which the soldier belonged; but this is done not, nominally at least, as a relief measure, but as an expression of local pride in a fellow citizen who has died for his country.

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It has seemed fitting to reproduce from *The Friend* of Honolulu an account of the Golden Wedding of Rev. and Mrs. Orramel H. Gulick.

We are sure our readers will not grudge the space we have devoted to it.

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Dr. Davis, and his daughter, Mrs. Bridgman, and the boys are spending the summer at Weld, Maine. Mrs. Davis is visiting her brother in England.

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Mr. Bennett left Japan for home by the "Empress" of July seventh. He expects to return early in October.

Roger S. Greene, who during the past year has been Vice Consul for the United States at Nagasaki, has been appointed Vice and Deputy Consul at Kōbe.

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Midshipman Edward F. Greene has been assigned to the U. S. Gunboat, "Elcano," as division officer. The "Elcano" was at last accounts off the coast of the Island of Samar in the Philippines.

The Golden Wedding of Mr. & Mrs. Orramel H. Gulick.

Honolulu climate seemed to realise the claim of this joyous occasion and responded by clothing the 19th day of May with the beauty of perfect Hawaiian weather, than which the world has none better. By three o'clock the spacious lawns of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Richards, who so kindly acted as host and hostess, began to be thronged with friends, Hawaiian, Japanese, Portuguese and Anglo-Saxon, gathered to bring messages of friendship and congratulation to Rev. and Mrs. Orramel H. Gulick, whose energy and youthful spirit seem to defy old age. The Territory has had not a few celebrations of the kind, but this was the first in which both bride and groom, born of white parents in Hawaii, had reached the golden anniversary. Mrs. Gulick had as mementoes of the wedding the fan and handkerchief she had carried that day. After an hour of informal social interchange, Hon. Peter C. Jones summoned all friends to the grassy amphitheater in front of the house and called upon Hon. W. R. Castle to present the congratulations of the Hawaiian Mission Children's Society, of which he is President:

Mr. Castle said:

"The very pleasant duty has devolved on me of conveying to you the cordial greetings of your cousins, the children of the Hawaiian Mission.

"Reading the pages of the Third Annual Report of the Hawaiian Mission Children's Society it appears that, "following the usual opening exercises of the annual meeting, which was held in the old school house in Kawaiahae, O. H. Gulick, Esq., our second President, was united in marriage with our Third Vice-President, Ann E. Clarke, by Rev. J. D. Strong."

"This very interesting report continues, "An opportunity being offered, appropriate and encouraging remarks were made by the Reverend Fathers Thurston, Coan, Armstrong, and Smith."

"One cannot help wishing that some of these appropriate and encouraging remarks had been preserved, for may it not be said, you are with us to-day because you observed and followed the words of encouragement and wisdom dropped by those venerable Fathers.

"You got a wife but I lost an esteemed Sunday School teacher. As I had not infrequently and quite involuntarily to sit in her lap during those sacred

hours, I suspect she was not sorry to resign her place to Laura Judd, who in turn escaped the task of keeping a lot of unruly boys quiet by marrying Joshua Dickson. Of the weariness of teaching I speak advisedly, for were not C. M. Cooke, A. B. Clarke, Allan Judd and W. W. Hall of the class? This fact is of itself quite sufficient to account for my being goaded into disorder.

"The Cousins have watched your lives and your course through the long years since that day with ever increasing interest. Judged by standards of to-day which fix the accumulation of money as the gauge of success, your lives have not been successful, but weighed in the balances of eternal righteousness, you have not been found wanting. In looking back over your own lives you will not find dark pages and blots which you would joyfully wholly erase. Instead you will see visions of many people of many races who bless you both for opening their eyes to the light and helping to bring them into the cordial warmth of Christian civilisation. Measured by such standards your lives have been an illustrious success.

"It is only a little way ahead, only half as far to your diamond wedding, and we who greet you to-day shall hope to greet you on that occasion and believe that your lives till then will accumulate rich experiences, which in turn will give light and life to the many with whom you will come in contact."

Most of the missionary life of Mr. and Mrs. Gulick having been passed in connection with the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, the Prudential Committee of the Board learning of the glad event of the afternoon, had sent a letter expressing the appreciation of this honored society to be read at the celebration, asking that it be presented by Rev. D. Scudder in his capacity as a Corporate Member of the Board. This letter was next read as follows:

BOSTON, MASS., March 23, 1905.

REV. AND MRS. ORRAMEL H. GULICK,
Honolulu, T. H.

Very Dear Friends:

At the meeting of the Prudential Committee held on Tuesday of this week, March 21st, information was given of the fact that the 19th of May next would be the fiftieth anniversary of your marriage. This information led to some statements in regard to your long and varied services, and the Committee directed me, as its clerk, to send you a message of love and congratulation, in view of this approaching anniversary.

How much there is upon which we can with utmost heartiness congratulate you! We think first of all of your birth as children of Christian missionaries, and of the training and influences you received in your early life among those devoted people who, with your parents, were seeking to establish the Kingdom of Christ in the Island World.

The fact has come to our knowledge that the 28th of May next, is another anniversary, the 57th, of the day in 1848, when with twelve other children of missionaries at the Islands, you both made your open confession of faith and were united to Christ's Church. You have walked together in the Christian life even longer than you have in the marriage relation.

We congratulate you as we recall your united earthly service at the Islands, and especially in connection with the establishment of the Female Boarding School at Waialua. From 1870 onward you were permitted to do royal work in Japan, especially at Kōbe and Niigata. You were among the first to enter that land in Christ's name, and proclaim the message of Christ's love. You saw the Kingdom of Heaven in that land in its stage as a mustard seed, but before you left, it had grown to be a great tree. Together you toiled for Christ among the Japanese, winning them to the Saviour.

And when in the great movements of God's providence so many of the Japanese to whom you had devoted your lives, came to Hawaii needing your guidance and help there, you followed them to the land of your birth to continue the work on the other shore of the Pacific Ocean. And now you have been kept in active service on your beloved Hawaii nei until you come to the jubilee of your united lives.

We recall briefly these facts in your lives both that we may express our heartiest congratulations to you, and that we may thank God more devoutly for what He has permitted you to be and to do. May other years of blessing come to you, and through them all may the joy of the Lord be your strength.

In behalf of the Prudential Committee, I am very sincerely yours,

E. E. STRONG,
Clerk.

Following this, Mrs. Doremns Scudder, representing the Japan Mission of the American Board as a former member thereof, read the following message of congratulation:

To the Rev. and Mrs. Orramel H. Gulick, Honolulu, Hawaii, U. S. A. prepared in accordance with a vote of the Committee ad Interim of the Japan Mission of the A. B. C. F. M., in anticipation of the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage.

Tokyo, January 7th, 1905.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Gulick:

In view of your approaching golden wedding, the Japan Mission has asked us, since we are among your oldest friends, to convey to you its most hearty congratulations. The fifty years you have spent together have been filled with varied and fruitful labors. They have included many movements of great importance and of far-reaching influence upon the progress of mankind

and the growth of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

With some of the most interesting of these you have been intimately associated, and your life history embraces certain of their most interesting phases.

At your wedding there doubtless gathered many of those who laid the foundations of the Christian church in Hawaii, the land of your birth. They were in part your own relatives and you shared with them the joy of reaping the harvest from the seed their hands had sown.

You saw the churches which had grown up around you, whose growth you had watched and tended, send forth their representatives to the islands of the South. They were your children in the faith and you knew their hardships, their perplexities, and their joys.

In the fulness of your strength and with ripe experience, you came to Japan in the second year of our Mission's history. You found the people bound in the fetters of a rigid, though decaying, feudalism. Christianity was strictly prohibited, and its adherents, almost exclusively the remnants of the old seed, bitterly persecuted. Your own first teacher of the language was with his wife thrown into prison, where he died, a sacrifice for his faith, the single martyr of the Protestant community; but through his death came life and liberty for the infant Church.

You witnessed the sundering of the old bonds; the gradual development of a well-ordered government under a wise and humane sovereign; the growth of a national system of education, worthy to take its place beside the best systems of the West; the wide-spread acceptance of ethical principles in close harmony with the teachings of Christ; the promulgation of a constitution carefully guarding the rights of the people and guaranteeing freedom of religious faith and practice.

You have watched the growth of

the church you helped to plant, from the beginning until now the Christians of our order muster well nigh 12,000 strong, with an intense desire for independence and self-support, ends for which you strove unceasingly. In the meantime, the Protestant body has increased from perhaps a dozen to an enrolled membership of nearly 50,000, while including the Roman and Greek communions, the enrollment rises to nearly 135,000, representing a Christian community of 300,000, possibly 400,000 souls.

Among the Christians of Japan, you have yourselves known men whose names will live long in the history of the church universal—men whose influence is felt, consciously or unconsciously, in every department of life throughout the land. Even in the army and navy, for many years the strongholds of the anti-Christian spirit, there are found many who do honor to their faith. Some have laid down their lives with the Bible in their bosoms, calmly trusting in Him who brought life and immortality to light.

To you it was given to start the first Christian weekly newspaper in Japan and it was you who organised our publication work. The foundations you laid were well laid, you recognised in this as in all your work, that the main object is to stimulate our Japanese associates to do for themselves. The work begun under your guidance has expanded under Japanese control to an extent it would rejoice your hearts to see.

You have both left your impress on many lives. Those near to you recognised your untiring zeal. In Kōbe, Ōsaka, Niigata, Okayama, and Kumamoto, there are still those who look back to your life among them with love and gratitude.

After twenty-one busy years in Japan, you returned to Hawaii to renew the associations of early years and to gather up once more the threads of influence you had for the time laid

down. In the meantime, Japan and Hawaii had become closely bound together and your experience here opened many new avenues of opportunity which you gladly entered.

To you, moreover, it was given to share in the work of preparing Hawaii for entrance into the American Union, a movement fraught with no small peril, but which we believe is to prove a real advantage to both lands.

Japan, now recognised as one of the great powers and as representing a civilisation in harmony with that of the West, has become the protector of China against the incursions of Europe, as well as her instructor in the wisdom of the West. Probably 5,000 Chinese are, as we write, studying in the schools of Japan, of whom it is said 500 are fitting themselves for military service. You will recognise this as a providential enlargement of Japan's field of influence and will join with us in the prayer that she may not fail to use her newly found strength, not merely with vigor, but with a divine wisdom.

In various ways you have been brought into close relation with work in still other lands and have been able, as has been granted to few others to do, to measure the progress of the Master's Kingdom in the world.

In all these varied experiences, you have stood side by side and we are sure that, as you look back upon the past, on the day of your jubilee, while hardships, trials, disappointments, and sorrows will not be forgotten, gratitude and joy will be uppermost in your hearts. We believe that your eyes have not been holden; you have seen the glory of the Lord as His providences have unrolled before you; you have acknowledged His leadership in the darkness and in the light; and with sturdy faith you look forward, making sure that in the future the same divine leadership will be revealed.

We in our turn are grateful for the providence which brought you to our Mission and gave it the aid of your

counsels in shaping the policy of the Mission and of your unflagging co-operation through so many years. We recall how in times of sorrow and trouble you have both stood by us and ministered comfort and hope, and how our joys have been heightened by your affectionate interest and sympathy.

It is then with great heartiness that we pray you may live long together and that the coming days may be your best days, filled with activities suited to your strength and with unnumbered joys, the fruit of your consecrated service.

We hope among your plans for the future you will not neglect to include a visit to Japan, where a warm welcome will await you. There could hardly be a greater pleasure than to see with your own eyes the progress made in every department of life, and especially to witness the growth of the churches and the signs of their increasing influence on the nation.

To us, too, the visit would afford great joy, for apart from the reknitting of old friendships, it would be a matter of no small interest to measure with you the gain already made and the promise of the future.

Renewing our congratulations we remain, on behalf of the Mission.

Yours sincerely,

Eliza Talcott.

Daniel Crosby Greene.

Rev. S. E. Bishop, D.D., who himself had celebrated a similar jubilee three years before, then rose and presented the congratulations of the Board of the Hawaiian Evangelical Association.

Read by S. E. Bishop, May 19 1905:

Mr. and Mrs. Gulick, Dear and Honored Brother and Sister:

It is my highly favored office on this happy occasion to tender to you the sympathy and felicitations of the Missionary Board of the Hawaiian Evangelical Association, in whose especial

service you have labored for many years and with which you were long connected after its first organisation, forty-two years ago. Your joint memories with mine extend back to those early days nearly seventy years ago when our missionary parents were in the fullest activity of their most fruitful and wonderful work of redeeming, by the extraordinary Divine aid, the Hawaiian nation from their deep bondage to evil gods and heathen immorality. A few years after your most happy union you were led to devote yourselves exclusively to very laborious missionary work here, and some years later your steps were directed to Japan, where you became veterans in successful and strenuous gospel work in that wonderful empire. Now in later years, summoned back to Hawaii, this headlight of American Christianity in the Pacific, to meet the great influx here of unevangelised Japanese, we of the Hawaiian Board have again had the great joy of your cheering presence and most efficient wisdom and activity in our great work. And you have brought to us help not only for the dear Japanese, but in a high degree for our Hawaiian churches, whose old familiar tongue soon came back to you after the long absence.

We of the Hawaiian Board have counted it a great Divine mercy to have possessed your strong and wise help in this great work. How much more than could have been hoped is it that in these aging years after half a century of united activity of unusual vigor, your strength does not yet give way, any more than your wisdom and love abate in your great and blessed work. It is our united and earnest prayer as a Missionary Board that you, our honored coadjutors, may long be continued in such capable and successful activity, and that we and yourselves may alike be blessed by witnessing a large ingathering into the Redeemer's flock of souls brought out of darkness, themselves to be a great light to their fellow men. So may Japan and Ha-

waii alike be blessed in you, as they already have been, and so may your wise and devoted lives continue to be a cheer and an inspiration to us all.

Next the Woman's Board of Missions of the Pacific Islands, through Mrs. W. W. Hall, added its tribute in the form of an illuminated scroll bearing the inscription:

"The Woman's Board of Missions send the following greeting:

"Fifty glad years filled with glad days for the crown of united lives to Mr. and Mrs. Gulick. As associates of Mrs. Gulick in the work of the Woman's Board of Missions we bring our congratulations on this memorable occasion.

"As laborers in Christ's harvest field, you have gathered golden sheaves from Hawaii and Japan; thus through you the gold of divine truth has been brought into lives which would otherwise have passed in darkness, and you have been permitted to cheer and bless the little ones of God.

"As you draw near to the gates of pearl and your sun sinks below the heavenly horizon, let the light from the City of God shine fuller and clearer until the 'twilight' shall brighten unto perfect days."

It seemed especially fitting that the congratulations of the Hawaiian Christians should be conveyed by Rev. W. N. Lono, pastor of Kaumakapili Church, in the Sunday School of which Mrs. Gulick has long conducted a flourishing class and who himself was for many years a missionary in Micronesia. Mr. Lono spoke in Hawaiian to the following effect:

"Beloved Parents in the Lord:

"This is a remarkable assembly which meets here this day to express the joy and thanksgiving of many friends, including the members of the Kaumakapili Church, and to express our gratitude to the Heavenly Father, upon this, your day of jubilee.

"It is fifty years to-day since under the shadow of the Kawaiahao Church

the knot was tied which cemented in love your home of happiness, consecrating yourselves to the sacred service of Our Lord. The blessing of the Most High has rested upon you, and His goodness ever follows you. You have been strengthened and protected amid the dangers of life, and united you have been missionaries both in these Islands, and to the people of Japan.

"You have been witnesses to wonderful changes which have taken place during this half century of your lives. You have seen the opening of the steam railroad, of the electric car lines, of the telephone system, and the laying of the ocean telegraph. Many steam lines now bring us in touch with the ends of the earth. Many inventions have lightened the burdens that pressed upon us in the past. We have come under various forms of government. Wealth has increased, and the passion for gain has seized the majority, and many have become wealthy.

"The land has been filled with alien people attracted to the shores of our beautiful Islands. These are taking the place of the failing Hawaiian race.

"High schools have been established, and the people have become enlightened.

"And you two have also been witnesses of the progress of the Kaumakapili congregation. A fine brick building had taken the place of the old adobe building within which you ministered. And this fine edifice was reduced to a heap of ashes by the sad fire of 1900. Now there has arisen a new Kaumakapili, and you are still with us in our services. But in all the fullness of these later days when light has so greatly increased and when riches too have increased, where shall we find greater faith or more patient devotion than was shown by your parents and by our ancestors? Who are to fill the places of the fathers in their loving devotion and watchful care of the highest interests?

"And now on this blessed day of your

lives, filled with the wealth of the love of this wide circle of friends, it would seem as if your footsteps were approaching that resplendent city of the Sacred Land. We bless you both who are of the stock of the fathers, and pray that your love and patience may continue to abound towards the churches of our land from Hawaii to Kauai, and that the blessing of God which is greater than the riches of the world, may continue to abound toward His people.

"We pray that love and blessings may follow you all the days of your life, and that the happiness which human language can not describe may come as the gift of God to you.

"Now beloved Parents, please receive these inadequate expressions of our regard for you; and may the remainder of your days that you may dwell in the Land, be filled with the light of that shining Home, where in the Spirit we shall meet that great Teacher, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life."

Mr. Lono had hardly ceased speaking before Rev. T. Okumara, the veteran Japanese evangelist, stepped forward and in Japanese offered the following congratulations:

"A Japanese proverb says that 'A human life of seventy years is rare from ancient time,' and more rare must be fifty years of married life. So we congratulate Rev. and Mrs. O. H. Gulick on their golden wedding with deep gratitude to God, who gave to His faithful couple such a long life.

"Rev. and Mrs. Gulick have spent twenty-two years in Japan as missionaries, and then have been working for our countrymen in these Islands until to-day. For thirty-six years out of the fifty years, they have been devoting their lives to and have labored for the salvation and benefit of the people of the 'Rising Sun Kingdom.' So we congratulate them on their long life together with hearty thanks to the Lord who gave us these noble friends.

"Hereby we Japanese evangelists

present a gold watch to express our congratulations and thanks."

Close behind Mr. Okumura came Deacon M. Hayakawa of the Nuuanu Street Japanese Church, who said in his own tongue:

"In our friends, Rev. and Mrs. Gulick, we are glad to see body and spirit robust as though still young, although more than three score years and ten have passed over them. You offered your lives for Japan, laboring tirelessly to spread the Gospel of Christ, and to your love and kindness we owe in part the present condition of Christianity among our people. We behold in you the fulfillment of Paul's words, 'But one thing I do, forgetting the things which are behind and stretching forward to the things which are before, I press on towards the goal unto the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.' We who have been under your instructions and who respect you so highly overflow with joy and happiness on this glad anniversary, recalling our proverb which says, 'The righteous man lives long.' The continued prayer of your friends of Nuuanu Church is that God may continue long to spare your lives and fill your home with His gracious blessing."

At this juncture Justice S. B. Dole of the United States District Court, pressed into the inner circle and in fitting phrase bore testimony to the great debt that the Provisional Government and the Republic of Hawaii, of both of which he had been President, owed to Mr. Gulick for his patriotic services, rendered throughout those trying years and particularly recalling the part he bore in giving advice to the authorities during the historic episode with Japan.

At the conclusion of Judge Dole's address Mrs. So, the Japanese Bible woman, presented a gift from her countrymen, after which the following very interesting letter was read from Mrs. S. A. Gulick:

My Dear Cousin Orramel:

Please accept these sleeve buttons as a memento of the past history of several generations.

Mother Gulick gave them to Charles in his early life, and, as I understand, the history of them is: They were your great grandfather's in the time of the Revolution, handed down to your grandfather, General Thomas, and worn by him during his military life in the war of 1812. I have intended passing them over to you for some time past, but neglected to do so. Now I thought this, your fiftieth anniversary of your wedding day, would be most fitting. With many loving congratulations to you and Cousin Annie and hoping with the will of our heavenly Father that we may all meet at your diamond anniversary,

SAREPTA A. GULICK.

May 19th, 1905.

Mr. Jones then introduced a representative of the Japanese consulate who bore a memorial from friends in official life. The more formal exercises were closed by Mr. Jones, who with the introduction "Money talks," proceeded to let some \$650 in gold bring their message of good wishes from a host of friends in and out of the Islands. Mr. Gulick then arose to voice the gratitude of Mrs. Gulick and himself for the spontaneous and wide expressions of friendship which had characterised the afternoon. He declared that their united life of fifty years had been crowned with God's richest blessing, to whom all the glory was due and found his conception of it all expressed in the hymn of the Church:

"Awake, my soul, to joyful lays," which he read with deep feeling. The assembly then spontaneously took up the refrain, singing the first verse as a final response. The afternoon closed with refreshments and the cutting of the golden wedding cake.

THE GULICK WEDDING—FIFTY YEARS AGO.

The following is taken from the Third Annual Report of the Hawaiian Mission Children's Society:

"The Hawaiian Mission Children's Society held its Third Annual Meeting, May 19th, 1855, at the 'Old School House' at Kawaiahao.

"After the opening exercises, O. H. Gulick, Esq., our second President, was united in marriage to Miss Ann E. Clark, our third Vice-President, by Rev. J. D. Strong.

"The Third Annual Reports of the officers of the Society, together with the President's address, were then presented to the Society and an interested audience of our friends, who were present by special invitation.

"An opportunity being offered. Rev. Messrs. Thurston, Armstrong, Coan, and Smith made appropriate and encouraging remarks.

"This profitable interview of friends was closed by singing and prayer, and the remaining business of the annual meeting was laid over to an adjourned meeting, May 26th, to be held at the house of Mrs. Chamberlain."

The cousins had not then commenced keeping an account of marriages, births and deaths as they do at present, and what has been read is the only notice of the event.

Miss M. A. Chamberlain who wrote her first Corresponding Secretary's report in 1857, has furnished us the following items of that happy wedding occasion in 1855:

The "Old School House" which still stands in the shadow of Kawaiahao Church, where all the general meetings were held, was that evening of the wedding trimmed beautifully with maile wreaths and flowers and the bride in her sweet white muslin dress (without any veil) was as pretty a bride as graces any modern wedding. After the meeting was over the whole audience were invited to Rev. E. W. Clark's house,

the home of the bride, to the reception, where the wedding cake was cut and congratulations were heartily extended from all.

The Friend.

One of the Strangers in the Land.

Half past five of the clock on the morning of July 1st found standing on the platform of the railway station at Okayama, the usual small company of women belonging to the local Red Cross Society, the Ladies' Patriotic Association, or the City Women's Society.

Slowly pulled in the train they had come to meet, two hundred sick and wounded privates on their way from Hiroshima to their own Division hospitals, and fifty Russian officers and their servants filled the cars.

All of the invalids who were able to walk left the train, and gratefully accepted the offices of the American woman as she stood beside the casks of water and filled dozens and dozens of rusty basins for the morning ablutions. That over, the dainty boxes of rice and vegetables were distributed through the cars, supplemented by bowls of steaming soup and cups of hot tea.

All the time that the foreign woman was waiting on these white-gowned invalids, she was conscious of a group of Russians at the upper end of the platform beyond the cordon of police and guards, who were watching her every movement. At last when the pale-faced, bandaged Japanese had been filled and satisfied, and fans and leaflets had been given to every one who would receive them, the American could stand it no longer; so ostentatiously refilling her big teapot, she put on her sweetest smile and accosted the policeman with the request that she be allowed to serve tea to the prisoners.

A cordial assent was given and she approached the group. Before she could get out even a "good morning" a young handsome black-bearded officer

greeted her with "Have you any English paper? We know nothing about the war. How it is going?"

"Do you belong to the Baltic Fleet?"

"Yes, since May 29th we have been shut up in Ninoshima. Tell us what you can."

And so hurriedly she told of the Peace Conference to be opened in Washington early in August, the names of the plenipotentiaries on both sides, the no news from Manchuria which we fear means a big battle soon, of the mutiny in Odessa, and the strikes in St. Petersburg. Don't think all this was said at once. The prisoners were sent back to the train, the teapot was refilled and emptied and filled again.

Meantime the Russian told his new-found friend of years spent in New York City, where he learned English in a free night school, (he was a Finn) and of his hatred of the war, his enforced return to Russia a year ago and unwilling entrance into the Baltic Fleet and how he had now reached Japan only to be taken prisoner. How he hated prison life. "Do you think peace will come in a year? If I must wait longer than that I shall *die*."

Once the guard with fixed bayonet stepped up and interrupted the conversation, but in response to the plea that the officer was almost an American and the talk was of that land dear to them both, he smilingly said, "All right." "O," sighed the prisoner, "if I could only send word to my friends in Russia and let them know I am alive I could be happy."

"Let me write the letter for you."

"But even you can't mail a letter to Russia."

"Then I send it to my daughter in America and she will forward it to its destination."

How his face lighted up as he hurriedly borrowed a pencil and scratched on a card an address in southern Russia. Later when the remark

was made that the name was not the same as his own he laughingly replied "No, I may as well confess, it is the name of the girl I am engaged to. See here is her ring on my finger."

"Can she read English?"

"If she can't she can find some one who can and she will tell my father and mother."

As the train pulled out of the station the American handed to the Russian the tiny Stars and Stripes she had worn with her Red Cross button and the silver cross of the Women's Society and with a goodbye and God bless you they parted. One would naturally suppose that would be the end of the story, but three days later the following letter surprised the quiet household in Okayama,

Dear Mrs.

I am much obliged to you for the kindness you showed me at the station Okayama, and your American flag makes me very happy to have in my room. I hope my letter will find you in good health, and I wish my best compliments to all your family.

How pleased I will be to have any newspapers or books from you, and I will be your best friend.

I wish you good health till I have the pleasure of seeing you again.

Your friend,

.....

N.B. The Japanese are very kind to the prisoners. Good-bye. God bless you."

A speedy answer was written, some telegrams cut out of "The Japan Chronicle" were enclosed and a big bundle of Kōbe, Tōkyō and American newspapers were sent off. Saturday morning brought a second letter acknowledging the letter and its enclosures but not the papers and begging for more news.

Truly all the world is kin. May the loving Heavenly Father of us all speedily bring peace to all the nations.

B. W. PETTEE.

Work for the Poor.

The hot weather doesn't seem to dampen the spirits of the Hanabatake dwellers. They only take off the scanty clothing which they have felt was necessary to be decent, and go on with their task of bread-winning either by honest labor, or gambling.

At the request of the girls in the neighborhood, the evening sewing class was again opened this month, eleven already being enrolled and others will come in as soon as their period of night work at the factory ends.

Mr. Ueda, a Doshisha student who has come to assist in the evangelistic work during the summer vacation, starts in well, and we feel sure will prove a great help.

So many Japanese are contributing to the work that it seemed best to publish a quarterly report called *Shikino-Shirase*, a little paper of ten pages. This is given to all contributors and friends of the work. The second issue is now nearly ready for the press.

The children rejoice in their free bath which is ready for them there three times a week. Cleanliness is next to godliness; we are getting the first and we hope we shall the second.

A. P. ADAMS.

Okayama Happenings.

A Unique Meeting.

One of the most timely and remarkable gatherings ever held in Okayama city took place on Saturday afternoon July first. It was a "comfort meeting" for the 800 families who have gone out from Okayama city.

It was held in the Congregational church under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association, and the three local women's societies, the Mayor presided and and the leading speaker was a Buddhist priest, the celebrated Ouchi Seiran.

The other two addresses were made

by Pastor Abe who gave an admirable talk on the undying spirit of a high-minded nation, and the writer of this report. It was thus of both an all-religions and an international character and was very successful, save that rainy weather cut the expected audience in halves. Duets by Misses Kajiro and Yamamoto, teachers in the San-Yo Girls' School, and performances by an Edison phonograph and a Columbia gramophone furnished the lighter entertainment.

The subject of Mr. Ouchi's oration was Fame which he treated learnedly and interestingly from a strictly Japanese historical standpoint.

Summer Evangelism.

At the recent conference of the churches, it was voted to engage in special evangelistic work for one month at Tamashima and Takahashi. This campaign was opened most auspiciously at the former place on July fifth, Messrs. Abe, Onoda, Pettee, and Edison (phonograph company) being the visiting performers.

These two days special meetings are being followed up by personal work and Bible instruction conducted by Rev. B. Mizote and several lay workers, both men and women. Tamashima has the distinction of being the residence of the old skipper on whose boat young Neesima rode nearly forty years ago from Tokyo bay to Hakodate, when he first started out in search of his destiny. The old skipper still survives and is an interesting character. Special evangelistic services and personal effort will open in Takahashi on July fifteenth.

Relief Work.

Like other parts of the country, Okayama begins to feel the strain of caring for the families of soldiers. According to official statistics there are in the city one hundred and in Okayama prefecture 2,815 needy families.

The relief funds raised locally or received from the central Government are about exhausted. So the Christians met together on the evening of July tenth at the missionary residence and talked over plans and hopes. A committee consisting of pastors Hattori and Abe, Mr. Ishii, Deacon (and ex-alderman) Komoto, Messrs. Boys and Pettee, and three others were appointed to solicit outside help, especially from the Tōkyō committee having in charge funds received from America, and to decide upon the best method of disbursement.

The heat is becoming very oppressive and there is much general sickness and suffering in the city, though fortunately as yet no epidemic prevails.

At the Orphanage.

Mr. Ishii has just returned from a very successful tour in Korea where the band gave 21 entertainments which will probably net them *yen* 3,500., enough to build two new cottages in addition to meeting running expenses of the institution up to date. He brought with him a five year old Korean orphan, the first child of that country to be received into the institution.

The Orphanage band is now continuing its entertainments on this main island, Mr. Ishii returning for that purpose to Shimo-no-seki after less than 24 hours respite at home. The Orphanage people, caring as they now do for 340 children, lead a strenuous life these days. Four recent special gifts of *yen* 180. from the Tōkyō committee having in charge relief funds from America; *yen* 100. from the Salvation Army (a part of its denial week collection) six pounds sterling from Turkish Armenian, Greek, and English girls in the American Girls' College, Constantinople, and *yen* 46.48 from a Sunday School in Connecticut have tidied the institution over some trying financial shallows.

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